

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al.

Conf. 4061

Application No. 10/562,682

Group 3679

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Examiner Fannie C Kee

LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of March 18, 2009, Applicants include herewith replacement sheets for the listing of claims included with the amendment of December 30, 2008. Also included are clean and marked up copies of the substitute specification that include the abstract.

Consideration of the amendment on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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